

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

The media industry has fed huge amounts of money to political committees and other soft money scams, but they have been well paid with the free TV bandwidth they were given in exchange for ... nothing at all.

Never has diversity been more talked about, nor so little practiced. Public debate as represented on TV is a quarrel between the Far Right and the Farther Right about how Liberals "control" the media. Someone who promoted the same policies as Richard Nixon could never appear on TV today because of "extremely liberal" views. Meanwhile, more and more stories are censored from public view.

The cable ownership cap is wholly inadequate to deal with these issues; but without it, there is no hope of ever restraining the media giant even a little.